

The depth and breadth of the additional deregulation being considered by the FCC this year is way beyond what should be considered during a nominal "adjustment" ruling -- these are major changes, on top of the last set of deregulations, whose negative effects on the quality and diversity of the media available in the U.S.A. are just beginning to catch the public's attention, despite the overwhelming efforts of most of Big Business Media to keep these stories quiet.

The net effects of these changes threatens not only entertainment, but education and democracy as a whole, since citizens are only as democratic as those that inform them, and if all media content decisions are made in a handful of boardrooms for pure profit, then Democracy in America will not only decline but be snuffed out.

Even a brief but critical look at the Media in America today shows that possible further deregulation needs to be reconsidered and discussed more publicly and more widely, yet not only has the FCC declined to fund doing this, but the issue is actively repressed by the very Media in question.

It is obvious to me, therefore, that the Public Interest has long since stopped being adequately served.